

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 189: Climate and Environment
March 16-22, 2026**

QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

PN = Programming note

CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_FORM

- 1 Form 1
- 2 Form 2

Note: Flag to randomly assign panelists to one of two forms (Form 1, Form 2) and weight within form
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

CODEBOOK FOR GENERIC ROTATION VARIABLE TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

ROTATION_GEN

- 1 Scale in ascending order (1-5)
- 2 Scale in descending order (5-1)

Note: Flag created by programmers to assign panelists' rotation orders for the following questions:
CCFUTRMOD2, MIL_IRAN_FOLL, MIL_IRAN_WELL

Source: Created by programmers and randomly assigned to all sampled panelists.

 -----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----

BAT: ENVBEHAV

ASK ALL:

[**PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE**]

[**PN: IF WEB:**] Do you regularly do each of the following?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] Do you regularly do each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] Next, do you regularly **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:

DRIVE	Carpool or limit your driving
SECONDH	Buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods
LIGHTS	Turn off the lights at home when no one is using them
WATER	Limit your water use at home

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	[PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I regularly do this [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you regularly do this
2	[PN: IF WEB:] No, I don't regularly do this [PN: IF CATI:] No, you don't regularly do this
98	[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
99	[PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: DRIVE_WHY

ASK IF FORM 1 AND REGULARLY LIMITS DRIVING (X_FORM=1 & ENVBEHAV_DRIVE=1):

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS LIGHTS_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly carpool or limit your driving?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly carpool or limit your driving? First, (INSERT ITEM). Is this (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: How much of a reason is this for why you regularly carpool or limit your driving? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

MONEY To save money
 ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
 2 A minor reason
 3 Not a reason
 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: SECONDH_WHY

ASK IF FORM 2 AND REGULARLY BUYS SECONDHAND (X_FORM=2 & ENVBEHAV_SECONDH=1):

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS WATER_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason is this for why you regularly buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

MONEY To save money
ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
2 A minor reason
3 Not a reason
98 [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: LIGHTS_WHY

ASK IF FORM 1 AND REGULARLY TURNS OF LIGHTS (X_FORM=1 & ENVBEHAV_LIGHTS=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS DRIVE_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly turn off the lights at home when no one is using them?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly turn off the lights at home when no one is using them? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason is this for why you regularly turn off the lights at home when no one is using them? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

MONEY To save money
ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
2 A minor reason
3 Not a reason
98 [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: WATER_WHY

ASK IF FORM 2 AND REGULARLY LIMITS WATER USE (X_FORM=2 & ENVBEHAV_WATER=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS SECONDH_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly limit your water use at home?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly limit your water use at home? First, (INSERT ITEM). Is this (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about (INSERT ITEM)?
(READ AS NECESSARY: How much of a reason is this for why you regularly limit your water use at home? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

MONEY To save money
ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
2 A minor reason
3 Not a reason
98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: RECYCLE**ASK ALL:**

Do you regularly recycle?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1 [PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I regularly recycle [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you regularly recycle
2 [PN: IF WEB:] No, I don't regularly recycle [PN: IF CATI:] No, you don't regularly recycle
98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

BAT: RECYCLE_WHY**ASK IF REGULARLY RECYCLES (RECYCLE=1):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]****[PN: IF WEB:]** How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly recycle?**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly recycle? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)****[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: How much of a reason is this for why you regularly recycle? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))****BATTERY ITEMS:**REQUIRED **[PN: IF WEB:]** It's required where I live **[PN: IF CATI:]** It's required where you live

EASY It's easy

ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason

2 A minor reason

3 Not a reason

98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

BAT: ENVIR8**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much do you think the federal government is doing to...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much do you think the federal government is doing to... (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about to (INSERT ITEM). (READ AS NECESSARY: How much do you think the federal government is doing to (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

- a Protect air quality
- b Protect water quality of lakes, rivers and streams
- c Protect animals and their habitats
- d Protect open lands in national parks and nature preserves
- e Reduce the effects of global climate change

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Too much
- 2 Too little
- 3 About the right amount
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

BAT: LOCENV**ASK ALL:**

[**PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE**]

[**PN: IF WEB:**] How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following is in your local community?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following is in your local community? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: How much of a problem, if at all, do you think this is in your local community? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**)

BATTERY ITEMS:

- a Air pollution
- b Pollution of lakes, rivers and streams
- c Safety of drinking water
- d Too much garbage, waste and landfills
- e Lack of greenspace and parks

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A big problem
- 2 A moderate problem
- 3 A small problem
- 4 Not a problem
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: EWTFREQ**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

[**PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE**]

Thinking about the last few years, do you think extreme weather events across the country have been occurring...

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 More often than in the past
- 2 Less often than in the past
- 3 About as often as in the past
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: EWTSEV**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Thinking about the last few years, do you think extreme weather events across the country have been...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 More severe than in the past
- 2 Less severe than in the past
- 3 About as severe as in the past
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CLIM1A**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 4 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels
- 2 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment
- 3 There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]**
- 4 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CCINFLU**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about public policy debates about addressing global climate change, do you think climate scientists have...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Too much influence
- 2 Too little influence
- 3 About the right amount of influence
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CCINTL**ASK ALL:**

Do you support or oppose the U.S. participating in international efforts to help reduce the effects of global climate change?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] (READ LIST)

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: CCEFFC**ASK ALL:**

How likely is it that countries around the world, including the U.S., will collectively do enough to avoid the worst impacts from climate change?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] (READ LIST)

- 1 Will definitely happen
- 2 Will probably happen
- 3 Will probably not happen
- 4 Will definitely not happen
- [**PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE**]
- 5 Climate change impacts are not a problem
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: CCHARMUS**ASK ALL:**

How much harm is climate change causing people in this country today?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] (READ LIST)

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 A little
- 5 None at all
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

BAT: CLIMDIFF**ASK IF CLIMATE CHANGE IS CAUSING AT LEAST SOME HARM (CCHARMUS=1-3):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

[PN: IF WEB:] How much do you think efforts by each of the following can help to reduce the effects of climate change?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much do you think efforts by each of the following can help to reduce the effects of climate change? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**? Do you think their efforts can help reduce the effects of climate change **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how about efforts by **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Do you think their efforts can help reduce the effects of climate change (READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

- a **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Ordinary Americans
- b **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** The federal government
- c **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Large businesses and corporations
- [NO ITEM D]**
- e **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** The energy industry
- f **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Your state government
- g **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Large technology companies

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Don't make much difference
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: CCFUTRMOD2**ASK IF CLIMATE CHANGE IS CAUSING AT LEAST SOME HARM (CCHARMUS=1-3):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

[PN: IF WEB:] Looking ahead to 30 years from now, how likely do you think it is that each of the following will happen in the U.S.?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Looking ahead to 30 years from now, how likely do you think it is that each of the following will happen in the U.S.? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY: Looking ahead to 30 years from now, how likely do you think this is to happen in the U.S.? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

- a New technology will address most of the problems caused by climate change
- b Major changes to everyday life will be needed to address most of the problems caused by climate change

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Not too likely
- 5 Not at all likely
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
